

FISCAL NOTE
HB 569 – SB 868

March 31, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires use of a 136 system-level fiscal capacity model instead of a 95 county-level fiscal capacity model for funding through the BEP. Funding through the BEP formula is to be based on the system-level fiscal capacity model beginning with the FY07-08 year. The bill contains a provision which provides that no system will receive from the BEP in FY07-08 and in subsequent fiscal years a lesser amount of state funds than it received from the BEP under the county-level fiscal capacity model in FY06-07.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Implementing the system-level capacity model would result in the shifting of funds between school systems; the BEP would not generate any new state funding. However, additional state dollars would be required to hold losing systems harmless. Such increase in state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$100,000,000 with a corresponding increase in local government revenues of an amount estimated to exceed \$100,000,000.

Assumptions:

- The overall impact to the state is significant due to the provision which states that a school system will not receive less state funding in FY07-08 and in subsequent fiscal years than it received from the BEP under the county-level fiscal capacity model in FY06-07.
- The impact between school districts is estimated to be significant. Some school districts would generate large amounts of new state funding while other systems would be held harmless to the amount of state funding received during FY07-08.
- After taking into account all hold harmless provisions, transition funds and stability, the switch to a system level fiscal capacity index would result in an overall increase in state expenditures exceeding \$100,000,000 and an overall increase in local government revenues exceeding \$100,000,000.
- Any additional local expenditure may be absorbed into current budget to the extent that an LEA already spends at the level required by this bill. Actual impacts to LEAs would vary depending upon the phase-in mechanism.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director